

## ACCUSED WICKHAM AND DROPPED DEAD.

Millionaire Whose Wife Shot Herself Figured in Previous Scandal.

Tragedy and scandal followed swift in the development of the denouement that came with the discovery of J. R. A. Davis, a high official of the Erie road, under a sofa in Mrs. Flora Wickham's apartment at Port Jervis and her suicide a few hours later.

Was the woman guilty? On the brink of the grave she declared her innocence. "You have gained your point," she wrote. "I am innocent, though circumstances are against me."

Up to the moment of the discovery of Davis in her room it was the millionaire husband who was under suspicion. The sudden death last February of a man in the act of upbraiding him for destroying his home, followed by a horse-whipping given by Mrs. Davis to the serving wife, led to a break in the Wickham family relations.

**Tragic Scene.**  
The tragic scene that developed into the greatest scandal in the history of Port Jervis took place in the crowded corridor of the Power House, George Murray, one of the old and prominent residents, went to the place, which was owned by Wickham, to demand an explanation of stories concerning his young wife's name with that of the millionaire.

Murray approached Wickham angrily. He was trembling with rage. So visibly was he affected that those who saw him and suspected his errand anticipated that he would shoot Wickham down. Instead, he faced his as though to speak.

He waved his hands, but his lips refused to articulate the words that seemed trembling on them. The man's face was livid. He gasped for breath, then in a paroxysm of rage, he fell to the floor.

Physicians were called. He was dead, heart disease caused by intense excitement was given as the cause.

Hardly had the town arisen to a realization of the scandal back of the tragic incident when Mrs. Wickham started gossip afresh by publicly horsewhipping Mrs. Murray.

**Wickham on Bad Terms.**  
The Wickhams lived together after the incidents, but they occupied different apartments and preserved only an outward appearance of friendliness.

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**Local Butchers Have Four Carloads of Prize Hereford.**  
Four loads of prize Hereford cattle have been received at the Jersey City Stock Yard.

One load of fifteen cattle had won four first prizes at the International Fat Stock Show at Chicago, being the champion two-year-olds. They brought the highest price ever for Hereford cattle, and found the incomparable Price sitting with Butcher's younger sister, Minnie, whom he had also pledged himself to marry.

Philip Huser wanted to kill Price on the spot. He was dragged away.

When Lulu Gerhardt, who was devoted to her sister, heard of the young man's duplicity she fainted. Next day she started out to do "detective work," she said. She hunted all day and was found fainting on a sidewalk at One Hundred and Eighty-third street. At night she was taken home and put to bed.

**LABOR NOTES**  
The Miscellaneous Section has appointed Daniel B. Jacobs, Herman Robinson, August Goldenslager, Andrew J. Smith and Edward Friday a committee to aid in organizing a local branch of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union, at a meeting to be held tonight at No. 214 East Forty-first street.

Unorganized barbers in this city, it is declared, work from twelve to sixteen hours a day for from \$6 to \$8 a week. In some instances they are compelled to board with the employers, when the wages are even smaller.

The waiters and bartenders' unions have succeeded in organizing the Bohemian National Hall, in East Seventy-third street, but they have been unable to compel the Bohemian labor organizations which meet there to employ union waiters and bartenders, as they prefer to be served by men of their own nationality, and usually of their own trade.

The New York Cutlery Union, which was recently suspended by the Central Federated Union for having engaged a non-union band, has applied for reinstatement. It will have to pay a fine of \$5.

Waters' Union, No. 1, after having been separated for six years from the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' National Alliance, has rejoined it and received a charter.

Secretary James Duncan, of the Grand Cutlery National Union, reports the organization last month of two new unions in Lynn, Mass., and Columbia, S. C.

The Joint Executive Board of the various unions of men engaged in the piano-making trade, which have most every day been working in the city, have decided to hold a meeting at the city hall on Thursday next.

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Beginning Saturday, Dec. 15, Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

## A Great Bargain Friday for Christmas Shoppers—

Here's a Holiday Friday Bargain Sale which no one can afford to miss—the bargains are all together too rare! We have taken our holiday goods, the most salable merchandise a store handles at any time of the year, and marked them at prices to make to-morrow the greatest Friday in this Store's unparalleled history. Do your Christmas shopping here to-morrow—there are but nine feet-footed days for you to shop in, anyway—and to-morrow the savings are too great for you to miss.

### Friday's Holiday Sale of Handkerchiefs.

Very special items taken from our immense stocks. You can surely secure very acceptable gifts from these:

Women's Initial Handkerchiefs, 75c, 90c, 1.45 per box of 12 doz.—Very handsome initial.

Women's Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 75c, 90c, 1.25, 1.50 box of 12 doz.—Also lace trimmed.

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, 80c, 1.00, 2.90 per box of 12 doz.—Very handsome initial.

Men's Hatters, 50c to 2.98—Very serviceable.

Main Floor, 59th St. Section.

### Friday's Holiday Sale of Watches, 1.85.

Every one guaranteed a perfect timekeeper.

Women's Watches, 1.85—Handsome engraved stem-wind watches, 8 w. 13.5 movements; you would consider them cheap if you purchased them from an exclusive dealer at 5.00.

Only one to a customer, none to dealers.

Women's Enamelled Watches, 1.85—The popular enamelled watches, in a neat case, chatelaine to match, richly enameled in all the delicate shades, such as green, garnet, turquoise, etc.; sold all over at \$10.00 and \$12.00; our price, with push case, 5.95.

Main Floor, Front, Centre.

### Half Price on Millinery To-Morrow.

What It Means to You and Us—A loss to-day often means a gain to-morrow. We consider it poor business policy to carry after the holidays any winter millinery which is on our hands now. Therefore we are willing to sustain a loss, and in order to rid ourselves of every single winter hat now in the department, offer the entire assortment at exactly half price. That is, at half the prices that are on the goods to-day. This is an offer which is not duplicated very often, and gives you an opportunity to buy a handsome Xmas gift for some one at a very reasonable price. The lot includes the very finest silk mirrored hats, mink and chinchilla hats, &c.

10.00 Hats, \$5.00; 12.00 Hats, \$6.00; 15.00 Hats, \$7.00; 20.00 Hats, \$10.00; 30.00 Hats, \$15.00, &c.

Golf and Walking Hats, 95c.—Originally priced \$2.00 to \$4.98; the lots in the assortment are broken and therefore we will sell them at this exceptional price.

Children's Trimmed School Hats, upward from 20c.—Many different styles; this is a very exceptional offer and is only made through our efforts to close out a large stock.

Second Floor, 59th St. Section.

### Special Sale Tailor-Made Dress Skirts—Friday Only.

300 Skirts at Less than Half Price.

A splendid combination. Of quality, style and price the best skirt value in New York.

Women's Dress Skirts. Many exactly like cut. They are made of black and navy chevrons, Oxford, medium gray, bluish gray and brown homespun, and black broadcloths, and are lined with finest percale. There are many styles to choose from. Many are handsomely trimmed with either satin, taffeta or braid. Some are 7-gored flaring shape, others have the flaring flounce. All are this season's goods, bought from several of New York's large manufacturers, who disposed of them to us for cash at less than half their cost to make, on account of stocktaking.

They are worth from 5.98 to 12.00, and we offer you your choice at 3.90.

This lot includes lengths up to 46 inches, waist bands up to 36 inches. All are finely tailored and finished. An early selection is advisable, as the best ones will naturally be sold first. No mail order filled. None sent C. O. D.

Second Floor, 59th St. Section.

### Great Sale of Good Slippers.

We hold to-morrow a great sale of Men's, Women's and Children's Slippers. This is an opportune offering, as slippers, you know, make very acceptable Christmas Gifts.

**Women's Slippers.**  
At 39c—Turkish Slippers—we have just received from our Constantinople house 3,000 pairs of these slippers, which are placed on sale at the unusual price of 39c per pair. Colors are red, blue, black, tan, yellow, pink, all sizes.

At 69c—"Romeo" Slippers, black felt; red flannel lined; all sizes, 3 to 8.

At 1.19—"Felt Juliette" Slippers, fur trimmings, colors cardinal and black, all sizes.

At 50c—Of black felt, red flannel lined, also kid leather, common sense and opera toes, all sizes, 3 to 8.

**Beauvoir Slippers, 1.00**—In colors, black, red, brown; no heels, with pompons. Also white kid two-strap sandals; patent leather two-strap sandals; Dongola leather two-strap sandals; red kid two-strap sandals, in colors red, black, blue, pink, yellow, brown and bronze.

The entire shipment was purchased by butchers of this city, who will kill the cattle for local consumption.

**Men's and Boy's Slippers.**  
At 50c—Pressed alligator leather, in chocolate and brown shades; also black goat leather, all with patent leather backs, nicely made, all sizes.

Second Floor, 59th St. Section.

### 50.00 Fur Coat, 22.50.

This is an elegant garment, worth every cent of \$50.00, but as a special bargain to-morrow we offer it at this extraordinary price. It is of nearest fur, strictly first quality, and it would take an expert to distinguish it from Alaska seal. It is manufactured from selected skins and is lined with Skinner's satin, which is guaranteed to wear for two years. Cut in the latest style and the very best manner. Has chamouis-lined pockets, large revers and storm collar. Any size and measurement.

Second Floor, 59th St. Section.

### Friday's Holiday Sale of Solid Gold Link Cuff Buttons.

1.00—Elegantly chased in a large variety of designs; set with diamonds; worth \$4.50 per pair.

Solid Gold Rings, 2.45—Set with cut diamond weighing over 1-12 of a carat; value \$4.00.

Solid Gold Rings, 4.45—Set with fine white cut diamond weighing 1-16 of a carat; value \$10.00.

Main Floor, Front, Centre.

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6.94, set with white brilliant diamond, weighing over 3-16 of a carat; sold by some as a great bargain at \$15.00.

Solid Gold Link Buttons, 94c, elegantly chased, in a large variety of designs, value \$5.00.

Solid Gold Tie Clips, 1.85, in a variety of designs, in solid gold, set with one white fiery cut diamond.

Main Floor, Front, Centre.

### Friday's Holiday Sale of Pocketbooks, 59c.

A genuine Seal Leather Combination Pocketbook and Card Case combined, with or without sterling silver corners, for to-morrow, special at 59c.

Main Floor, 59th St. Section.

### Friday's Holiday Sale of Calendars, 28c.

Real Value 50c.—A collection of Holly Wreath, Mistletoe, Rose and Gypsophylla Calendars, all beautifully lithographed in the natural colors, wreath design, all at the uniform price of each, 28c.

Main Floor, 59th St. Section.

### Friday's Holiday Sale of Women's Waists—Very Special.

Here are three items from our Women's Waist Dept. which are strikingly significant of the great values found there. Avail yourself of this opportunity to purchase a handsome and useful gift.

At 25c—Very special; of flannelette; medium and dark colors; sizes 32, 34, 36 only.

At 98c—Of fine all-wool flannel; fancy buttons on front, flare cuffs, separate collar; all lined, black and colors.

At 1.49—Of fine, all-tucked or plain, light and dark colors.

At 1.98—Of fine French flannel, pleated back and front; extra value.

Second Floor, 59th St. Section.

### Friday's Holiday Sale of Special Holiday Furniture.

You do yourself an injustice if you fail to include our Furniture Department in your list of visiting places when doing your holiday shopping. Our fourth floor is